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Bangor Man Sentenced on Federal Firearms Charges

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **James W. Raye**, 37, of Bangor, was sentenced on July 31, 2007, in U.S. District Court in Bangor, to 110 months imprisonment, 3 years supervised release and a \$100.00 special assessment. Raye pleaded guilty on February 9, 2004, to Making a False Statement on a Federal Firearms Application. Raye failed to appear for his sentencing on July 27, 2004, and was a fugitive until he was arrested in March of this year.

Court records reveal that in April 2003, Raye knowingly provided false information on an ATF form when he attempted to retrieve a shotgun from a pawn shop in Bangor. When completing the form, he denied that he had ever been convicted of a felony or of a crime of domestic violence. In fact, Raye had previously been convicted of Trafficking Heroin, Aggravated Assault and Domestic Assault.

This case was a part of Maine's Project Safe Neighborhoods. The initiative coordinates the efforts of federal and state agencies in order to increase successful prosecution of firearms cases and educate potential offenders on the serious consequences of illegal gun use and possession.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Bangor Police Department.

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